

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Monthly Management Report

October 2016

(furnished to Elected Members in accordance with section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014)

[Notes: (i) some items will be reported on a monthly basis, others quarterly at end of March, June, September, December; (ii) form/content/frequency of elements of the report may evolve in future e.g. to best serve the Council's information needs, to co-ordinate with other reporting requirements, or under DECLG guidance/Ministerial regulation]

Chief Executive's Orders: Schedule advised monthly to elected members

Section Reports

Finance: Reported quarterly to Finance Committee of Council (*last report: June 2016*)

Planning:

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Development Management:	Month	Year to Date
No. of planning applications received	42	409
No. of planning applications granted	27	312
No. of planning applications refused	10	45
Number of pre-planning meetings held	15	153
Planning Enforcement:		
No. of complaints received	9	83
No. of sites inspected	40	378
No. of warning letters issued	2	36
No. of enforcement notices issued	2	11
No. of prosecutions initiated	0	6
No. of convictions secured	0	3
No. of cases closed	6	42

Human Resources: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Community Development: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Local Enterprise Office: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Culture/Tourism/Recreation: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Housing: (Monthly Report)

Westmeath Housing Services Management Report, October 2016 - Commentary	
AREA	STATUS
1. Housing Supply – In Progress	1. Housing Supply – Schemes In Progress 1.1. Ennell Court (Phase 2): Complete
2. Housing Supply – Pre Planning	<p>2. Housing Supply In-house design team in place.</p> <p>2.1.1 Schemes approved</p> <p>Schemes DEHLG Stage 1 Approved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bun Daire, Kinnegad (€5.25m) – 28 units. - preliminary work underway; St. Laurence's Tce., Mullingar (€2.01m) – 9 units – stage 2 approval received - Part 8 approved. Stage 3 approval to be sought Gortnadreas, Arcadia, Athlone (€6.7m) – 33 units – Stage II approved. Part 8 to commence week ending 11/11/16 <p>Replacement dwelling at 16 Ennell Court (€0.21M)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approval obtained in 2014, Stage III application with DHPC& LG for consideration. <p>2.1.3 Advanced planning underway for projects at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McCormack Park – 12 units; Belvedere Orphanage, Tyrrellspass - 5-6 units; Battery Heights - 6 units; Ashdale (Site A) – 20 units Ennell Court – 20/30 units. <p>2.1.4 Acquisitions Programme 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 purchases completed to 31/10/16; 4 further in progress at 31/10/16. (contracts received or returned) 3 Sale agreed 3 Offer placed 8 currently under consideration or for inspection <p>2.1.5 CAS – DHPC&LG approval received for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESPOND (€0.75m) - Chapel St. Athlone – 4 units; RESPOND (€0.09m) - Sarsfield Sq. Athlone – 1 unit; Tuath (€0.8m) - Canal Ave. Mullingar – 9 units; Tuath (€0.5m) – Farran, Mullingar – 3 units Tuath (€0.7m plus CALF funding €0.7m) for approx 28 units <p>CAS Call for Proposals 2016 – Applications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muiriosa – Acquisition of 4 properties at Delvin /

	<p>Multyfarnam/Collinstown;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuath – Construction of 12 Units at Rochfortbridge; • Tuath - Construction of 7 units at Moate. <p>2.2 Housing Supply – SHCEP/Leasing - Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 16 no. projects (constructed and under consideration) amounting to a total possible 367 to 497 units <p>2.3 Traveller Accommodation</p> <p>2.3.1 - Proposal with the DHPC&LG for complete refurbishment of Blackberry Lane.</p> <p>2.3.2 - Traveller households housed to date in 2016 – 8.</p>
3. Housing Supply – Land Use Planning	<p>3 Housing Supply – Land Use Planning</p> <p>3.1 Ongoing work with the DHPC&LG and a number of approved housing bodies to utilise Council owned land to construct social housing.</p>
4. Housing Supply – Mortgage to Rent	<p>4 Housing Supply – Mortgage to Rent</p> <p>4.1 Continuing to implement the Mortgage to Rent Scheme for local authority mortgage holders.</p>
5. Housing Maintenance/ Estate Management	<p>5 Housing Maintenance</p> <p>5.1 Managing housing maintenance county wide, on a value for money basis while addressing demands within an acceptable timeframe.</p> <p>5.2 New Tenant’s Handbook to be circulated to tenants.</p> <p>5.3 Energy Efficiency Phase 2 (Replacement of single glazed windows / doors and external insulation) ongoing.</p>
6. Disability and Housing	<p>6 Disability Steering Group to meet to finalise draft Disability Strategic Plan.</p>
7. Homeless	<p>7 Homeless</p> <p>7.1 We continue to administer the homeless service within the County including implementation of devolved funding regime for the Midlands Region.</p> <p>7.2 The Midlands Regional Homelessness Forum meets each quarter – recent meeting held on 6th October 2016.</p> <p>7.3 Regional budget allocation for 2016 - €800,000.</p>

Westmeath Housing Services Management Report, October 2016 – Statistics			
Housing Need Assessment			
No. of approved applications at 01 Jan 2016			2729
No of approved applications at 31 October 2016			2226
RAS and Leasing			
	RAS	LEASING	
No. of contracts at 1 Jan 2016	463	228	
No. new contracts 1 Jan and 31 October 2016	117	30	
No of contracts terminated to 31 October 2016	43	21	
No. of Contracts at 31 October 2016	537	237	
Housing Allocations (Social Units)			
Total Vacant Dwellings 1 Jan 2016			14
No. of Casual Vacancies 1 Jan to 31 October 2016			35
No. of offers made to 31 October 2016			84
No. of Tenancies agreed to 31 October 2016			37
No. of Vacant dwellings at 31 October 2016			12
House Grants			
Total Preliminary Budget Allocated for 2016		€1,990,153	
	No. of Grants Approved YTD	Value of Grants Approved	
Housing Grant for People with a Disability	102	1,015,378	
Mobility Aid Grants	40	160,570	
Housing Aid for Older People	84	364,840	
Totals	226	1,540,788	
PRTB Inspections			
No. of dwellings inspected 01 Jan to 31 October 2016			260
No. of non compliance letters issued 01 Jan to 31 October 2016			210
No. of Improvement Notices issued 01 Jan to 31 October 2016			0
No. of Prohibition Notices issued 01 Jan to 31 October 2016			0
Loans			
Loan Type	Applications Received YTD	Applications approved to 31 October 2016	Loans paid out to 31 October 2016
Construction/Purchase	9	6	5 +1 Final Stage Drawdown
House Improvement	0	0	0
Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme			
No. of Applications received to 31 October 2016			33
No. of Applications approved to 31 October 2016			11
No. of House Sales Completed to 31 October 2016			0
Mortgage to Rent Applications			
No. of new Applications 2016 to date			3
No of applications concluded 2016 to date			1
Repairs and Maintenance 2016			
Repair requests logged to 31 October 2016			1568
Repairs carried out to 31 October 2016			1043
No. of outstanding repair requests as at 31 October 2016			330
Homelessness			
	Midlands	Westmeath	
No. of persons accommodated in Emergency Accommodation at 31 October 2016	54 Adults	19 Adults	

Public Lighting : *(Monthly Report)*

Public Lighting Management Report for October 2016			
Number	Item	Totals	Overall %
1	Total Number of Public Lights as of October 2016	12,626	
2	Number of lights out at the end of October 2016	43	0.34%
3	Number of faults reported in October 2016	200	
4	Number of repairs carried out in October 2016	152	76%

Transportation: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Water Services: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Fire Service: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Litter Management: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Veterinary Service: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Building Control: Reported quarterly (*last report: September 2016*)

Signed:



Pat Gallagher
Chief Executive

Date: 10th November 2016